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Committee on Accreditation
of Educational Programs for the
Emergency Medical Services Professions



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TO: Sponsoring Organizations for the CoAEMSP
CoAEMSP Board Members

FROM: Tom Brazelton, MD, MPH, FAAP, Chair, CoAEMSP Board of Directors
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RE: Highlights from the CoAEMSP Quarterly Board Meeting – May 4, 2018

The Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the EMS Professions (CoAEMSP) Board of Directors met via web meeting on Friday, May 4, 2018.

Prior to the conference call, the board members met in smaller teams via web meeting for two to six hours each. The members of the CoAEMSP Board of Directors are dedicated and give a great deal of their talents to advancing the mission of the CoAEMSP and the education of future Paramedics. Each board member has stated that it has taken them two to three years to feel comfortable with the business of the board and to feel as though they are ramped up. The CoAEMSP is grateful for each board member's dedication to the mission – to advance the quality of EMS education through accreditation.

The highlights from the meeting:

1. **Program Actions.** Reviewed 43 programs for initial accreditation, continuing accreditation and progress reports.
2. **By the Numbers.** At the time of the board meeting there were **608 CAAHEPⁱ accredited** Paramedic programs and **79 programs** that hold the **CoAEMSP Letter of Review (LoR)**; the LoR is the precursor to CAAHEP accreditation. For a current list of Paramedic programs, visit <https://www.caahep.org/Students/Find-a-Program.aspx>.
3. **ACCREDITCON.** The number of CAAHEP accredited Paramedic educational programs has increased *by 225%*, from 273 programs in 2011 to more than 600 programs today, in addition to nearly 80 more that are actively seeking accreditation. The average number of program directors that turn over *each year* is 160. These numbers are staggering. To support the programs and their success, the CoAEMSP has offered three or four accreditation workshops each year, all of them filling up before the Early Bird deadline and all of them with extensive waitlists. The feedback from workshop attendees is they want more accreditation-related topics and an increase in the length of the workshops in order to participate in more educational sessions.

As a result of these statistics and requests, the CoAEMSP will launch a new program to support programs and its mission “to advance the quality of EMS education through accreditation” and respond to the needs of nearly 700 Paramedic educational programs. This new annual program is called ACCREDITCON, with the first one being held from May 29-June 2, 2019. For more information, visit www.accreditcon.org.

4. **40th Anniversary in 2018.** CoAEMSP is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year! The CoAEMSP as we know it today has a rich history that officially began in 1978 with the same concern for the safety of the American public as we so passionately practice today. Throughout the year, we will be adding stories, photos, congratulatory messages, and more to our website [<http://www.coemsp.org/Anniversary.htm>]. We encourage you to share your stories and memories of the years leading up to the CoAEMSP's official inception, its early years, and those who helped shape the CoAEMSP. Send your recollections, photos, and messages to jennifer@coaemsp.org.

CoAEMSP Board Meeting Highlights

May 4, 2018

5. Next Meetings:

2018:	July 25-26-27-28	Louisville, KY
	November 2	web meeting
2019:	January 30-February 1	Charleston, SC
	May 3	web meeting
	July 24-25-26-27	Salt Lake City, UT
	November 1	web meeting

Communication Protocols. The Board has adopted protocols that permit more predictable, consistent, and deliberate communications with sponsors about the work of the Board. The Board will continue to provide official updates via the Board Highlights to sponsors within 30 days of each Board meeting.

CAAHEP = Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs

CoAEMSP = Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions

The **Mission Statement** of the CoAEMSP

The mission of the CoAEMSP is to advance the quality of EMS education through accreditation.

The **Vision Statement** of the CoAEMSP

CoAEMSP is recognized as the leader in evidence based standards for accreditation.

The **Core Values** of the CoAEMSP: **CLARITY**

Commitment: Dedication of time, talent and resources toward the achievement of CoAEMSP's mission.

Leadership: Inspiring others to advance the vision and goals of the CoAEMSP.

Accountability: Advancing the mission of the CoAEMSP with integrity, honesty, professionalism and high ethical standards.

Respect: Honoring the perspective of any individual or organization.

Integrated: Carrying out the work of the CoAEMSP in collaboration with EMS stakeholders.

Quality: Consistently meeting or exceeding established standards and expectations in all CoAEMSP activities.

The **Goals** of the CoAEMSP

GOAL #1: To conduct scholarly inquiry of relevant topics related to accreditation and EMS Education.

GOAL #2: Foster diverse instructional methodologies.

GOAL #3: Explore expanding scope of quality assurance/improvement activities to EMT and AEMT and internationally.

GOAL #4: Continue to strengthen the engagement and effectiveness of the CoAEMSP Board of Directors.

ⁱ **CAAHEP** = Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs.

CAAHEP is a programmatic postsecondary accrediting agency recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) and carries out its accrediting activities in cooperation with its Committees on Accreditation. CAAHEP currently accredits over 2000 educational programs in 31 health science professions. [caahep.org]